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NAVENVIRHLTHCEN INSTRUCTION 5211.1

From: Commanding Officer, Navy Environmental Health Center

Subj: PRIVACY ACT (PA) PROGRAM

Ref:

(a) SECNAVINST 5211.5D

(b) BUMEDINST 5263.1

1. Purpose

- a. To ensure that the Navy Environmental Health Center (NAVENVIRHLTHCEN) and all its Echelon 4 activities comply with references (a) and (b).
- b. To provide standards and guidance for responding to all inquiries involving the PA program.
- 2. <u>Background</u>. Individuals have the right to information concerning records about themselves maintained by the government. Release of personal records is governed by references (a) and (b).
- 3. This is a new instruction and should be read in its entirety.

4. Action

- a. The Commanding Officer and/or Officer in Charge must ensure that the following actions are taken:
- 1) Appoint an individual in the command as coordinator to serve as the principal point of contact for the PA program.
 - b. The command PA coordinator shall:
 - 1) Provide training for personnel on the provisions of references (a) and (b).
- 2) Ensure that procedures for receiving, tracking, labeling, and prompt handling are done in accordance with references (a) and (b).

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- 3) If appropriate, formally transfer case cognizance to Bureau of Medicine and Surgery's Staff Judge Advocate.
- 4) Compile input and submit annual PA report to NAVENVIRHLTHCEN PA coordinator who will provide consolidated report to Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.

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